Allegations against High Commission Official in Trinidad and Tobago

1513. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Consual General of India or some other official in our High Commission in Trinidad and Tobago had recently reported that the Governmet of St. Kitts was seriously enquiring into the alleged accounts of Shri Ajeya Singh;

(b) if so, on what basis was this report submitted; and

(c) whether Government have investigated this matter; if so, the results'therof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The whole Question is under verification.

Indian Islands

1514. SHRI ATAL BIHARI, VAJPAYEE: SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian Islands in the (i) Bay of Bengal, (ii) Sindhu Sagar and (iii) Hind Maha Sagar;

(b) the number of those in each area which have postal, educational and medical facilities;

(c) the number of those in each area which are un-inhabited and those which form or are near India's sea border; and

(d) what protective arrangements have been made so that some of these un-inhabitted Islands are not occupied by foreigners ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (d) There are a total number of 1, 197 Islands including islets, reafs and isolated rocks under the Indian jurisdiction in Bay of Bengal, Arabian sea, Andaman sea and Lakshadweep sea. All the 48 inhabited Islands, under the administrative control of Andaman and Nicobar and Lakshadweep Administrations, have postal, educational and medical facilities. The remaining Islands are un-inhabited, Indian Navy maintains regular surface and air surveillance over these Islands in order to safeguard the National interests.

Creating the climate of tolerance and fraternity

1515. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are committed to create a climate of tolerance and fraternity among all social groups through national reconciliation;

(b) if so, the details in this regards;

(c) whether Government have taken any steps to achieve this objective; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?,

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The National Integration Council has been reconstituted in February, 1990 and it held its first meeting on 11th April, 1990 in New Delhi. In this meeting a unanimous resolution for national reconciliation was also adopted, a